



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855



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Dear Ms. Moreland

The Bonneville Power Administration has developed a draft Fish and Wildlife policy manual dealing with Bonneville's contracting practices in implementing its Fish and Wildlife Program. The manual principally provides guidance to Bonneville staff and contractors. However, Bonneville made the draft available on July 24, 2003 on its web page and is accepting public comments until September 12, 2003. The public comment process is not an acceptable substitute for government to government discussions and cooperation in accomplishing tribal and federal fish and wildlife mitigation and enhancement objectives in the Columbia Basin. The Yakama Nation has a continuing interest in developing alternatives to the procurement contract model employed by Bonneville in implementing the Fish and Wildlife Program that are in better keeping with our government to government relationship. Nevertheless, Yakama Nation staff have reviewed the first draft of the policy manual sections and offer the attached comments to assist Bonneville's efforts toward improving contracting and fiscal management processes associated with the Fish and Wildlife Program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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